

Let's just assume it had no impact upon health and safety, but was for the broad, general public good, could they be excused?

SENATOR HARTNETT: The only areas that they...they have, they can change the regulations. But there has to be a public hearing, I think that would...I think if there was something dealing with environmental...

SENATOR SCHMIT: Which means, of course,...

SENATOR HARTNETT: ...they might, you know, not be able to get past the city council or the county boards.

SENATOR SCHMIT: But in reality, Senator Hartnett, the public hearing has no substantial value insofar as limiting anything which is on a, I hate to use the term, is being railroaded through. Right?

SENATOR HARTNETT: What did you say?

SENATOR SCHMIT: I said the public hearing will never stop something which is being railroaded through, right?

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah, I would think that maybe...I think the people that are, you know, some of the people who are supporting this wanted to see the other part in there, the tripling. So I think we're just simply making a statement here with this, you know, with this legislation.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Senator Hartnett. Ladies and gentlemen, once again we have a...a bill here which is very, very meritorious, it has no...no warts on it, I guess, so to speak. It's very...goals are very, very laudable. And...

SPEAKER BAACK: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...I hope that years from now, if we look back, someone doesn't say, well it was never intended that it proceed this way. But I just want to say for the record that sometimes when a bill appears to be so innocuous that it is perhaps a little more specifically oriented than what we are led to believe. I'm not blaming Senator Hartnett or his able staff members or anyone else. But sometimes, you know, on this floor we're able to accomplish far more than the original goals. It doesn't mean that it wouldn't do, for Sarpy County, what we